

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHAEL WALTZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mr. WALTZ. Madam Speaker, I missed the passage vote on concurring in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 7018—Suspending Normal Trade Relations with Russia and Belarus Act. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 124.

## HONORING 50 YEARS OF FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY SPOKANE

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th Anniversary of the Family Medicine Residency Spokane program.

Serving the Spokane community since 1972, this residency program is the oldest family residency program in Washington and graduated the first class of three family medicine physicians just two years after launching. Over the last 50 years, interest in the program has blossomed and residency classes have grown. In 2014, the program grew again with the help of the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education funding program.

The 365 graduates of this program have gone on to provide primary care services in their communities, taken on leadership roles in other residency programs, received prestigious national appointments to various associations, and some have even returned to the Family Medicine Residency Spokane program as faculty to help mentor incoming resident physicians.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Family Medicine Residency Spokane played an integral role in the continuation of care delivery by serving as urgent care overflow. Their commitment to care helped ease the burden on urgent care facilities and emergency rooms across Spokane. They also provided telemedicine care to patients who were unable to visit in-person, administered immunizations to community members during one of the first vaccine clinics in Spokane, and stood ready to assist in our hospitals.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the many accomplishments of the Family Medicine Residency Spokane program. They are truly frontline heroes, and I wish them the best during this 50th year of service and beyond.

## RECOGNITION OF BOBBIEJO LAZO

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Bobbiejo Lazo for receiving the Veterans of Foreign Distinguished Service Award. Bobbiejo has been the department of Virginia's State Service Officer for 7

years, and previously served as Post Junior Vice Commander. As State Service Officer, Bobbiejo has built a new organization to assist veterans from the ground through hiring and training personnel. Over the course of 7 years, Bobbiejo was able to lead her team in providing crucial high-quality support to veterans.

Bobbiejo served in the Army for 6 years and earned her Veteran of Foreign War eligibility bravely fighting in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Her bravery has earned her numerous other military accolades including the Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Bobbiejo Lazo. Words alone cannot express our gratitude for her service and excellent support of Veterans. May God bless Bobbiejo as she continues to serve her nation and our veterans. I look forward to seeing her continued excellence.

## HONORING THE SERVICE OF UNION FIRE COMPANY NO. 2 IN BALLSTON SPA, NEW YORK

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Union Fire Company No. 2 in Ballston Spa, New York as they celebrate their "Old Timers" at their annual banquet. This fire company has shown great pride in their community and has served Ballston Spa's residents for over one hundred years.

In 1855, a group of firefighters known as the "Star Fire Co." began serving the Ballston Spa community. On June 11, 1901, they officially became Union Fire Company No. 2 and have been proudly protecting their community ever since. Over the last century, the fire company has continuously grown and has now expanded to a two story and two bay facility that can house multiple apparatuses. In 2001, the company had the honor of celebrating one hundred years of faithful service to the Ballston Spa community and surrounding areas. The company also proudly boasts numerous trophies and awards won by their incredible team and the department's band. In 2019, the company responded to a record total of 419 emergency calls, exemplifying their unwavering dedication to the safety of the Ballston Spa community.

With the motto "Ever Ready," the Union Fire Company prides itself on its exceptional community outreach. In addition to their annual banquets celebrating their past and current members, they also hold numerous community events. Ballston Spa's youth are a major focus for this company, demonstrated in their sponsorship of many local sports teams and their fire safety lessons for young students.

Union Fire Company No. 2 has shown tremendous dedication to protecting and serving the Ballston Spa community. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am proud to honor and thank every current and past member of Union Fire Company No. 2.

## BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK EXPANSION AND REDESIGNATION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 26, 2022*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in support of S. 270, the Brown v. Board of Education National Historical Park Expansion and Redesignation Act.

S. 270 will redesignate the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in Topeka, Kansas as the Brown v. Board of Education National Historical Park.

Further, the bill will expand the Brown v. Board of Education designation by establishing additional sites in South Carolina, Virginia, Delaware, and the District of Columbia.

The Topeka, Kansas site has memorialized the stories of perseverance for equal access to education. However, when Brown v. Board of Education was litigated at the U.S. Supreme Court, it consolidated four other school segregation cases and it is important that we recognize this through expanding the Brown v. Board National Historic Site to each of these four relevant locations.

These cases were Briggs v. Elliot in South Carolina, Davis v. County of Virginia, Gebhart v. Belton of Delaware, and Bolling v. Sharpe of the District of Columbia.

The Supreme Court's landmark decision in Brown v. Board of Education found that racial segregation in public education violated the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, which guarantees all citizens equal protection of laws.

The effect of this decision was the end of segregation in public schools, effectively overturning the doctrine of "separate but equal" established by the Court in the 1896 decision of Plessy v. Ferguson.

Every child has a right to equitable education and learning opportunities without being limited by their race and other arbitrary or irrelevant factors.

It is incredible how Brown v. Board overturned what was a commonplace injustice. And in its place formed a new reality where every student can learn unhindered by the color of their skin or their ethnicity.

This case changed the course of civil rights in this country and set a powerful precedent for equality and human dignity around the world.

In memorializing this unprecedented decision, it is vital we consider the states and respective towns involved in this case. Each of the 5 cases contributes its own unique stories and backgrounds in the struggle for educational equity.

By establishing additional sites and affiliated areas in South Carolina, Virginia, Delaware, and the District of Columbia, we ensure that the 5 major cases and locations in Brown v. Board are commemorated in each of the locations that gave rise to this historic transformation.

I urge all members to join me in voting for S. 270, the Brown v. Board of Education National Historical Park Expansion and Redesignation Act.